

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

Al Poole welcomed everyone to the meeting. A list of participants in attendance is attached to the summary notes.

II. Recap of May 26th Launch Meeting

Andrea Akita presented a brief review of the 5/26 Launch Event community meeting and set the framework for future meetings. [Please refer to June 16, 2011 Presentation: *Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing*.](#)

III. Advisory Group Meetings

The purpose of the Advisory Group and the expectations for members were discussed. The Advisory Group will help create an investment plan. Materials will be provided to members in advance of meetings so that they are prepared to provide direct input on priorities and strategies for HSD investments in shelter, transitional housing, day centers/hygiene centers and supportive services.

The topic of discussion for the June 16th meeting was priorities for HSD investments. Future meetings are scheduled for Advisory Group members to identify strategies to address three specific goals for the plan.

- Creating intentional pathways out of shelter to housing (July 21st Meeting)
- Integrating services to increase impact and efficiency (August 18th Meeting)
- Moving to a system that measures success (September 15th Meeting)

IV. Funding Sources

Andrea shared information on current HSD investments areas and funding sources. HSD has not identified the specific amount of funding that will be available in the 2012 Request for Investment (RFI).

Sola Plumacher presented data from the January 1st – March 1st Governing Board Report. [Please refer to June 16, 2011 Presentation: *Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing*.](#)

V. Exploring Investment Priorities

Participants were divided into small groups and asked to work together to discuss investment priorities and identify key issues to pay attention to in developing the investment plan.

A summary from each group's report out to the larger group is attached. Three common theme/priorities emerged from the small group reports.

1. **Client (individual and family)- centered approaches** (built on relationships, including peer to peer models)
2. **Services** that support an individual and family-centered approach
3. **Financing/Funding** (with flexibility)

VI. Closing Comments, Observations, and Thoughts

Dannette Smith welcomed Advisory Group members to the working partnership to set the path for future HSD investments. She asked the group to help HSD think about new ways our

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community can respond to needs with current threats to existing resources and high levels of need. The need to include members of the business community in creating the plan was noted.

Two questions were posed for the group to consider at the next meeting:

- What can and will we do as a community to respond to greater needs given fewer resources?
- What do we think about the term “survival”?

Attachments:

- Summary of Small Group Reports
- Attendance List

*Presentation materials and meeting summaries for the Advisory Council are posted on the
Seattle Human Services Department’s Initiatives web page:
<http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/initiatives.htm>*

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Summary of Small Group-Identified Investment Priorities:

(1) Group 1:

- a. Person-Centered approach allows consumers to define their needs, and what works to shape and change their future. The providers need to be responsible for helping the consumer achieve their plan.
- b. Services with multiple sources: lose flexibility (possibly lose client investment, too)
- c. Need to look at reducing competing funding interests
- d. Listen to feedback from consumers

(2) Group 2:

- a. Don't want to sacrifice existing homeless and survival services (which are in short supply) for preventing possible homelessness.
- b. Use advocacy or other groups to keep existing prevention systems working, increasing effectiveness and outcomes
- c. Need to hold the system accountable for discharging into homelessness.
- d. Do not dilute current resources for current homeless.
- e. Need flexibility to match people with appropriate housing and resources so it leads them into permanent housing (not to available transitional housing, because their time ends there, and they're back into homelessness/shelter)

(3) Group 3:

- a. What does the "community" look like for you? For me?
- b. Not enough affordable housing
- c. PARTNERSHIP to access one another's resources
- d. Stays at many levels are longer
- e. Need flexibility with funding to help people overcome barriers

(4) Group 4:

- a. Need a person-centered approach
- b. Need coordinated entry
- c. Need Aftercare and wrap-around services, regardless of housing sources
- d. Don't let supportive relationships drop off once someone is in permanent housing
- e. No one simple resource and its provision that solves the problem
- f. Case managers are someone vital to come to and face systemic issues

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Sign In Sheet

Name	Agency
1. Daniel Malone	DESC
2. Jarvis Capucion	SHARE
3. Unique Saunders	CAMP
4. Monte Smith	SHARE/WHEEL
5. Sandy Lowe	Wellspring Family Services
6. Flo Beaumon	Catholic Community Services
7. Ginny Ware	New Beginnings
8. Emily Leslie	City of Bellevue
9. Rick Reynolds	Nightwatch
10. Nathan Buck	Neighborhood House
11. Marty Hartman	Mary's Place
12. Liz McDaniel	Mary's Place
13. Sharon Lee	LIHI
14. Clara Murphy	Salvation Army
15. Kira Zylstra	Solid Ground
16. Steve Daschle	SWYFS
17. Mohamed Aden	Muslim Housing Services
18. Robyn Govan	First Place
19. Sheila Sebron	Veteran-Community Network
20. Kristine Cunningham	ROOTS
21. John Forsythe	SHA
22. Rick Friedhoff	Compass Housing
23. Jeanice Hardy	YWCA
24. Aden Hussein	Somali Youth & Family Club SYouthclub@SYFClive.com
25. Colby Bradley	LIHI
26. Gary Alex	Matt Talbot
27. Gene Harris	First Place
28. Bill Block	CEH
29. Allison Eisinger	SKCCH
30. John Page	The Defender's Association

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